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SUBJ: PROVISIONALS INFILTRATED BY THE CIA?

1. IRELAND'S TABLOID NEWSPAPER, THE SUNDAY WORLD, HAD A LEAD ARTICLE DEC. 14 WITH THE HEADLINE "CIA 'INSIDE' PROVOS." THE ARTICLE WAS LIFTED ALMOST BODILY FROM THE DECEMBER EDITION OF THE (OFFICIAL) SINN FEIN MONTHLY UNITED IRISHMAN AND PURPORTED TO SHOW THAT THE WASHINGTON BASED IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS HAS BEEN "INFILTRATED" IN ITS TOP LEADERSHIP BY THE CIA. THE NATIONAL CAUCUS IS CITED AS "AN AMERICAN PROVO SUPPORT ORGANIZATION."

2. THE ARTICLE CITES THE FOLLOWING AS MORE-OR-LESS PROVING ITS POINT (AT LEAST BY IMPLICATION): (A) CAUCUS LEADER SEAN W. AWALSH IV HAS A GREEN BERET BACKGROUND AND HAS ALSO WORKED FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CIA OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE; (B) CAUCUS INFORMATION DIRECTOR DR. FRED BURNS O'BRIEN WORKS FOR THE CUSTOMS BUREAU, PART OF THE TREASURY DEPT., WHICH MAKES HIM A "T-MAN."; (C) CAUCUS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER THOMAS W. GLEASON IS FROM THE AFL-CIO (VICE-PRES). THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THE AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR YEARS HAS BEEN MR. JAY LOVESTONE,

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WHO IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN AN O.S.S. AND CIA OFFICER. THE

ARTICLE CARRIES ON THAT ACCORDING TO COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON, LOVESTONE TAKES ORDERS FROM CORD MEYER, "RECENTLY NAMED STATION CHIEF IN BRITAIN." THE UNITED IRISHMAN ARTICLE TIES THESE DISPARATE CLAIMS TOGETHER BY STATING: "THE PROVISIONAL LEADERSHIP IS WELL AWARE OF THE DUBIOUS BACKGROUNDS OF THE IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS AND OF FRED BURNS O'BRIEN. WHY IS IT, THEN, THAT FRED BURNS O'BRIEN IS PUT UP IN DAITHI O'CONAILL'S (NOTE: TOP IRA LEADER, CURRENTLY IN PRISON) HOUSE ON HIS VISITS TO IRELAND? IS IT BECAUSE THE PROVISIONALS LEADERSHIP HAVE THE SAME POLITICS AND MASTER AS "DR." FRED BURNS O'BRIEN?"

3. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN, AS REPORTED BY THE DEC. 15 IRISH PRESS, HAS DENIED ALL THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE TWO ARTICLES, AND SAID HIS ORGANIZATION HAS "VERY LITTLE CONNECTION" WITH THE IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS.

4. COMMENT: NO ONE IN IRELAND TAKES SERIOUSLY ANYTHING SAID BY THE SUNDAY WORLD AND THE "UNITED IRISHMAN" CIRCULATION IS MINISCULE. HOWEVER, WE REPORT THE ABOVE AS OF INTEREST SHOWING (A) THE IRISH NATIONAL CAUCUS HAS NOW BEEN PUBLICIZED HERE AS A PROVO SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (B) THE CURRENT PROVO PROPAGANDA LINE THAT IT IS A BULWARK AGAINST COMMUNISM SEEMS TO HAVE STUNG THE OFFICIALS A BIT - THIS VERY CATHOLIC ISLAND IS STILL STAUNCHLY ANTI-COMMUNIST. RENDAHL

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